



Tree Trust 5th Year Anniversary Celebration: *A Very Special Gathering – Everyone is Welcome!*



Tree Trust TBM is having a 5th year anniversary celebration on **Thursday September 18th, 4pm**. The event will be held at the parkette located at 10th Line and High Bluff Lane in Thornbury, the site of the very first tree to receive professional arborist care from Tree Trust – a spectacular Sugar Maple estimated at more than 150 years old.

The celebration will begin at 4pm and will feature a demonstration of expert tree care – and some very impressive aerial tree climbing skills – by Arboreal Tree Care professionals.

Attendees will also be able to visit information stations staffed by top experts. You'll be able to learn and ask one-on-one questions about key topics such as: everything you wanted to know about trees, pruning basics, pollinators and pollinator plants and gardens, the new TBM Native Tree Seed Club, and 1875 – what was happening in our Town when our prized Sugar Maple was a sapling.

We'll also have a scavenger hunt (with prizes!) for kids. And..... we will plant a tree.

So bring your friends and family to watch, learn, do and play. Hope to see you at the Tree Trust 5th Year Anniversary Celebration! For more information contact tbm@treetrust.ca

Walking Through the Fire: A Visual Album



The Blue Mountains Public Library (BMPL), in partnership with Beaver Valley Outreach (BVO) and Amnesty International Group 82, is proud to present a screening of *Walking Through the Fire*, a powerful visual album created by Sultans of String in collaboration with First Nations, Métis, and Inuit artists.

This 82-minute film explores truth, healing, and cultural relationship-building, and responds directly to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's 2015 Calls to Action, which asked artists to work together across cultures to chart a new way forward.

The community is invited to the **Beaver Valley Community Centre, 58 Alfred St. W. Thornbury on Friday, September 12**. Doors open at 6:00 PM, followed by the film screening and a virtual Q&A with musician Chris McKhool of Sultans of String and Elder Dr. Duke Redbird of the Saugeen Ojibway Nation. Light refreshments will be served.

This event is open to all and part of the ongoing community conversation around truth, reconciliation, and the arts. Admission is free, but please register in advance. 519-599-3681 or Register online: www.thebluemountainslibrary.ca/events-programs



TBM's Tiny Forest By Richard Griffith, for the Climate Action Now Network, and Meghan Loney, for the Youth Climate Action Fund and BVO

If you have recently been near the intersection of Beaver and Alice Streets, you may have noticed a rather unusual-looking garden not far from the baseball diamond's outfield fence. This is our Tiny Forest. We planted it in October, 2024. There are many different species here, including oaks, maples and pines.

A Tiny Forest is a small, densely-planted area of fast-growing native trees that helps cool urban spaces, attracts a wide variety of birds, butterflies and insects, and brings the experience of a vibrant ecosystem closer to home. This forest was planted using the Miyawaki method, which encourages rapid growth and biodiversity by mimicking natural forest conditions.

WHY URBAN FORESTS MATTER

Cooling: A mature tree can cool the air as effectively as perhaps ten air conditioners running continuously.

Water retention: Trees absorb and store water through a process called transpiration, which helps reduce runoff and flooding.

Air quality: Trees absorb carbon dioxide and release oxygen through photosynthesis, helping to improve air quality.

GROWING TOGETHER

Not all these trees will survive long-term. As the forest matures, some of the trees will inevitably be thinned out, which is something that happens in every forest. While a few trees may eventually outgrow this space, all will contribute to a thriving, resilient ecosystem that supports insects, birds and other wildlife. This Tiny Forest is both a living classroom and a legacy, offering inspiration, learning and connection for years to come.

You may be wondering what the big logs are for. These logs encourage the growth of fungal hyphae, which break down chemical elements and makes them available to the trees for growth.

"The forest is the root of all life. It is the womb that revives our biological instincts, deepens our intelligence and increases our sensitivity as human beings." Akira Miyawaki, 1927 – 2021

This Tiny Forest was made possible by community volunteers and the collaborative efforts of Beaver Valley Outreach, the Youth Climate Action Fund, the Carbon Action Now Network and the Town of The Blue Mountains.

Temporary Lane Restriction - Highway 26 Ending November 1, 2025

The Town of The Blue Mountains would like to advise the public of ongoing intermittent temporary lane restrictions. These restrictions will be in place at times on Highway 26, approximately 350 metres west of Lakeshore Road East until November 1, 2025. This is to allow contractors to complete the replacement of a concrete box culvert underneath the highway.



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INDOOR WALKING

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allowed.

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Rob Munden
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FALL SESSION FOR SEWING CLASSES

Beginning Sept 16, 2025
3:00-5:00pm

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Devices by Alice Otrysko

How many hours do you spend on your
devices? Devices include your phone,
the computer or some other machine I've
never heard of.

Apparently, the average person will
spend ten hours a day on devices.

One day we were eating at a local restaurant. Two tables away
was a young couple. They perused the menu, put in their order
and pulled out THEIR PHONES! From then on each continued to
"play" with their respective phones. There was no conversation, no
laughter, no hand gestures, nothing but eyes focused on the phone
and fingers punching out whatever! I found it overwhelming that
here is an opportunity to interact with another human being but the
phone replaces that.

It's so sad. Eating out for me is a treat and an opportunity to focus
on the other person(s) and converse, talk. The food is secondary. It's
the company you are with that makes a difference. No! It's the phone.

The lure of easy access, the high tech diversion creates a different
world. The device is always there for you. It's your best friend, it
doesn't argue with you, it accepts you, it doesn't challenge you, it's
impersonal, a machine that you love.

What really bothers me is that few humans are reading books. I
love books and I must have a book beside my bed at all times. My
husband reads books; my cousin has an enormous collection, a
library which I often dip into.

Speaking of libraries, we have a beautiful library in Thornbury.
When I walk in there, I am in heaven but very rarely do I see a young
person there. It's sad. Every since I lived in England and a library
on wheels came around every week, all my friends and I and others
were excited to return the read books and borrow something new.

I feel sorry for the young because the devices are indeed addictive
and many of the young can't stop using them. They don't even
watch stories on t.v.

Television which used to be a distraction and form of entertainment
and news, has been tossed aside. Instead of sitting or lying on the
couch with a drink and enjoying a story or watching a movie or
watching the news with people talking and pictures being shown,
they get their news from their device; that's if they bother trying to
learn what's happening in the world.

Few comprehend the danger and let the device control them
rather you controlling it. It is an IT after all. That's not real life. Sad.
There's no combating it. Something has to give.



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You're invited to a Birthday Celebration for
Bill Kirkham's 80th Birthday

Saturday, September 13th, 1pm-4pm at
The Marsh Street Centre, 187 Marsh Street, Clarksburg
(best wishes only, please)



Patricia Hindle
2 years has passed.
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with you.
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treasure
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and missed beyond
words
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in our hearts.

Pat enjoyed riding in our
1930 Model A Ford, Love
Gladys & Barry

Home Opportunities MOU *Staff Report*

Council agreed to support the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Home Opportunities Non-Profit Corporation to facilitate attainable housing on municipal lands.

The primary objective of the MOU presented to Council on August 25th, is to establish a mutual commitment to advancing a prospective attainable housing project and to gauge community interest. As a legally non-binding agreement, it does not supersede any future planning and development approvals that may be required.

Home Opportunities has a strong track record of facilitating attainable housing projects in Guelph, Brampton, and Toronto. They employ a unique model where profits are directed towards a co-operative to support purchasers with their down payments, and development costs are reduced through simplified designs and federal/provincial partnerships.

The MOU, presented to Council through this report, is intended to catalyze a prospective attainable housing project in the Town of The Blue Mountains. Upon execution, both parties will further analyze development models and available lands, with a shared commitment to efficiency and recognizing community needs. It's important to note that this MOU signifies the beginning of a partnership, and any project will be subject to additional agreements and public engagement.

In preparing the MOU, staff provided Home Opportunities with an inventory of vacant municipal lands that could accommodate the desired scope of work: 6-10 acres with the potential for 150-250 units at 25 units per acre. While the Town has limited large-scale development lands with unrestricted land-use designations, Home Opportunities' non-profit status and alignment with the Town's Housing Needs Assessment may offer flexibility. Both the Tees Please property and 125 Peel Street are potential options.

The MOU also outlines potential municipal support avenues. However, any specific support will be confirmed only upon the execution of relevant agreements related to land purchase or development.

Next steps, following Council's approval of the MOU, will involve staff and Home Opportunities refining the project scope based on preliminary land analysis. Once development costs and potential external funding options are clearer, a concept will be developed, which will then be subject to both the Town's internal review process and public consultation.

Golf 'Fore' Kids' Sake

There's still time to register for the 9th Annual Golf 'Fore' Kids' Sake Tournament, happening Saturday, September 27th at Sauble Golf & Country Club! Grab your clubs, rally your team, and join us for a fun-filled day on the green — all in support of youth mentoring programs across Grey, Bruce, and West Simcoe.

Event Highlights:

- Scramble Format — perfect for golfers of all levels
 - Amazing Prizes — courtesy of generous local sponsors
 - Post-Round Banquet — dinner, awards, and celebration
 - Silent Auction — unique items, all in support of BBBSGBWS
- Saturday, September 27, 11:00 AM – 7:00 PM**
Fee: \$150 per golfer | Teams of 4
Register: www.greybruce.bigbrothersbigsisters.ca

Want to do more?

Ask us how your business or organization can sponsor the tournament—a great way to support local youth while showcasing your community spirit. We have a range of sponsorship opportunities and are accepting in-kind items and experiences for our auction.

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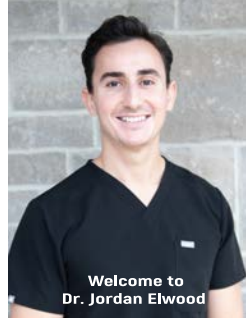
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In Memoriam

RONALD WILLIAM GEORGE COX

Ronald William George Cox of Thornbury passed away peacefully at Sunset Manor on Monday August 18th, in his 90th year. He was born in Collingwood on November 18th, 1935, to William Ronald Cox and Margaret Velma White.

Loving husband of Evelyn (nee Hoggard) for over 65 years and beloved father of Sherry (Wayne) Pfeffer of Thornbury and Terry (Sherald) Cox of Milton. Proud grandfather to Jameson (Jordan) Pfeffer, Paige (Matt) Romano, and Aidan Cox. Great-grandfather to Thomas Pfeffer. He is survived by his brother William (Karen) Cox of Collingwood and his sister-in-law Margaret (Wilfrid) Murphy of Owen Sound. He was predeceased by his siblings Barbara Osburn, James Cox, Irene Hendry, and Katherine Ann Rawn. He will be lovingly remembered by his nieces and nephews, many who are in the Collingwood area.

At the age of 18 Ron left Collingwood to sail on the Great Lakes, an adventure lasting for more than a decade. He worked as a boatsman and ultimately a wheelsman for the Canada Steamship Lines. In 1967 he joined the Collingwood Shipyards as a welder, remaining there until its closure in 1986. His previous sailing experience meant that he was one of the few workers at the yard who was able to pilot the completed ships on test sails. He later worked at Teledyne Industries in Thornbury as a painter, ultimately retiring in 1997.

Ron was an avid hockey fan. He played locally for Collingwood in the early 1960's and often supported the local teams at the Collingwood Arena. He was a long-time season ticket holder for the Owen Sound Platers and Attack teams, loyally following them every year with the highlight being their championship year of 2011. His extensive collection of memorabilia decorated the walls of his home. He loved to spend time fishing, mostly on Georgian Bay in his prized Wilker boat which still remains in the family. He made many friendships during his days sailing on the Great Lakes that endured a lifetime and led to fishing trips to one of his favorite destinations, Lake Manitou on Manitoulin Island.

He was an enthusiastic player of many card games and a challenging opponent for all. Many family occasions lead to a lively game of euchre or cribbage. Even as he aged, he continued to be a difficult adversary in these games. Family was always a priority in his life. As a quiet, steady force in our family, he was valued for his opinions and guidance. His sense of humour and quick wit will be greatly missed. He will be remembered for his kindness and generosity to all.

Although he dealt with mobility limitations over the last 30 years, he never allowed his pain or discomfort to erode the enjoyment that life had to offer. He was always able to rise above any health challenges to find and spread joy. He was a hero to his family.

Special thanks to the entire staff at Sunset Manor for their wonderful care during his time there this year. Their kindness will always be remembered.

Family and friends were received for visitation at Fawcett Funeral Home - Collingwood Chapel on Sunday August 24th. A funeral service was held at St. George's Anglican Church in Clarksburg on Monday August 25th.



DONALD HUGH 'DON' NICHOLSON

March 28, 1937 - August 17, 2025

With great sadness we announce that Donald Hugh Nicholson of Thornbury passed away on August 17, 2025, at PeopleCare, Meaford, at the age of 88, surrounded by the love of his family.

Don was married to the love of his life, Carrol Ann (nee Kirkham) for almost 68 years.

Loving father of Kimberley, Annette (Bob), Bernadette (Bill), and Donnie. Proud grandpa of Brandy Mazerolle (Stacy), Kameron Nicholson, Brian Gehl (Kelly-Ann Paul), Richard Gehl (Tina Rodrigues), Eric Gehl (Jessica Johnson), Stephanie Gehl (Derek Parker), Ian Ellis, and Amy Liverance (David).

GiGi (great grandpa) to Devon, Jordan, Skye, Riley, Rayne, Emma, Oliver, Benjamin, Liam, Kyla, Alex, Sophia, Emily, Anthony, Ava, Xavier, and Gwendolyn.

Don was also survived by his brothers Mike, Robert (Yvonne), Archie (Erika), sister Michele Kuchma, in-laws Barb Nicholson, Ron Herold, Moe Baxter, Judy Shield (nee Kirkham), Bill Kirkham, and many, many nieces, nephews, cousins and in-laws.

Predeceased by his parents, Neil James Nicholson and Margaret Ann "Peggy" (nee Campbell), brothers Paul, Charles, James, Fredrick, Edward, sisters Mary Grant, Lillian "Lindy" Smith and her late husband Ron, Yvonne Baxter and Margaret "Margie" Herold, brother-in-law Ken Kuchma infant daughter & son-in-law Douglas Gehl.

Don was the second child (of 14) born into a "good, Scottish Catholic" family. He was born in Sydney, Nova Scotia. His family moved to Guelph, Ontario in 1947. He later joined the Militia, and during that time, met his soul mate, Carrol Kirkham, and the love story began. Don and Carrol were married in a quiet ceremony on October 12, 1957 in Guelph, Ontario. Together they enjoyed a passion for fishing, and the outdoors. They raised 4 active children (3 girls and 1 boy). Don was a devoted family man who became deeply involved with his children's activities. He became equipment manager and bus driver for the Opti-Knights Drum and Bugle Corps that led to his involvement in the Optimist Club of Guelph where he became a Life Member and eventually President, then Lieutenant Governor of the Zone. He lived by the Optimist Creed all his life.

Don was an active member of his church and an Honorary Life Member of the Knights of Columbus.

He was a gentle soul and loved family, and friends alike. He was compassionate and always willing to help others as he was able. He is already and will continue to be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Don's family thank the Doctors and staff at Brightshores Health System, Meaford for their compassionate care over the past year. The family would also like to thank the staff at PeopleCare LTC, Meaford; his table mates Peggy, Jan and Len for making his last weeks brighter.

A funeral Mass was conducted on Friday, August 29th at St. Vincent's Roman Catholic Church in Meaford, with interment following at Lakeview Cemetery in Meaford.

As expressions of sympathy, and donations to Parkinson Canada, Meaford Hospital or charity of your choice would be appreciated and may be made through the Ferguson Funeral Home, 48 Boucher St. E., Meaford, N4L 1B9 to whom arrangements have been entrusted. www.fergusonfuneralhomes.ca

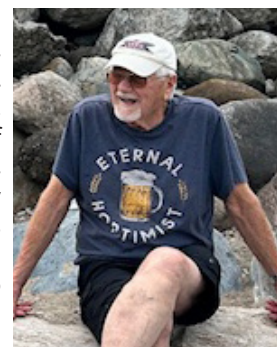


Celebrating Jean-Marc Pagé

The family of Jean-Marc Pagé invites family, friends, and neighbours to a Celebration of Life and 80th Birthday on Sunday October 26th from 1 to 4pm at Marsh Street Centre, Clarksburg. Tributes will be shared at 2pm

ERNEST ERIC EMBACHER

Ernest Eric Embacher of Clarksburg passed away late Sunday, August 31, 2025, age 84, as result of a massive stroke. Survived by life partner and wife of 63 years, Norah, sons Eric and Evan, big brother of Erwin, brother-in-law of Mark and Darlene, Opa Ernie to five grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Cremation has taken place and a Celebration of Life will take place at later date. Any donations to Chapman House in Owen Sound, would be most appreciated.



DAVID RICHARD MOSER

August 29, 1952 – August 2, 2025

With broken hearts and immense gratitude for a life beautifully lived, we announce the passing of David Richard Moser, beloved husband and life soulmate of Janet Rae Moser (née Schram). David passed peacefully, just before his 73rd birthday, surrounded by the deep love he so freely gave throughout his life.



Born in St. Thomas, Ontario, David was the son of the late Joseph and Ruth Moser (née Reid). He was predeceased by his brothers Michael, Ernie, Ken, and Chris, and is survived by his sister Beth, and many cherished nieces, nephews, and cousins. David's extended family and close friends will miss him dearly.

David was a man of quiet strength, deep character, and unwavering values—a true gentleman. A gifted natural athlete, David excelled in track, squash, skiing, and especially golf. Whether sprinting down a track or walking golf course fairways, his competitive spirit was matched by his humility and sportsmanship. His love of sport ran deep. A several-time club champion and proud achiever of five holes-in-one, golf brought him lasting joy and connection. It was more than a game; it was a keystone in his life.

After earning his Bachelor of Commerce degree from McMaster University, his career unfolded into software development and information technology. He was an entrepreneur—founding president of MCS (Moser Computer Services), later serving as president of Peartree Software, and Director of Glenbriar Technologies. After a successful career in technology, he transitioned seamlessly into real estate, where his insight, professionalism, and integrity earned him the trust and admiration of clients and colleagues. David believed in giving back to his community. His service was recognized with the Paul Harris Fellowship Award from the Rotary Club—a tribute to his quiet leadership, kindness, and compassion.

Above all, David's life was most beautifully defined by his enduring love story with Janet. Together they shared a rare and deep partnership of mutual respect, joy, and unconditional devotion. They were a true team in every sense, shaping and enriching each other's lives in profound ways. As Janet writes: "These are the hardest words for me—the deepest loss of my life soulmate and joy. He was my best friend and my confidante. He was my very safe place. This is David's obituary, but also a statement of our love."

David's legacy lives on not only in his many accomplishments, but in the way he made people feel—respected, understood, and valued. His calm wisdom, quiet humour, steady presence, and generous heart will be missed beyond measure.

In keeping with David's wishes, cremation has taken place and there will be no visitation or service. A celebration of David's exceptional life will be held at a later date, to be announced.

David will be deeply missed and forever remembered as a beloved husband, brother, uncle, friend, mentor, and a true example of a life well, and honourably, lived.

To honour his life, memorial donations may be made to First Tee – Ontario which helps youth access the game of golf or to ALS Canada, both causes close to David's heart; which may be made through the Ferguson Funeral Home, 48 Boucher St. E., Meaford, ON N4L 1B9 to whom arrangements have been entrusted.

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HAZEL IRENE REAR-TOWNSEND

Hazel passed away peacefully at Soldier's Memorial Hospital in Orillia with her family by her side on Friday, August 15, 2025 after lengthy battle with health issues; at the age of 76.

Born in Collingwood on June 25, 1949, she was a daughter of the late Robert & Edna (nee Morrison) Plummer.

Hazel is survived by her special partner Stan Lowes and her much loved son Duane (Jennifer) Rear. She was the fun loving and proud grandma/nanny to grandchildren Danielle, Jordan (Sarah), Devon, Dylan, Jonathan, Kya and Sirea and great-grandsons Ethan and Caden. She is predeceased by her first husband Myles Rear whom she married in 1968 until Myles' sudden passing in 1981 and was also predeceased by their beloved son Danny in 2010.

Hazel married Albert Townsend in 1982, who predeceased her in 2018 after many happy years of marriage. She is remembered by Albert's children; Tony (Colleen) Townsend, Mike (Sheilagh) Townsend, Steve Townsend and Krista (Cliff) Stroud as well as many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was the loving sister of Louise Gambell, Paulette Henderson and Bob (Dorothy) Plummer, and sister-in-law to Sharon (Jim) Lobsinger, Dorothy LeClair, Karl (Wendy) McCulloch and Peter (Kay) Millard and will be missed by many nieces and nephews as well as Stan Lowes and his family. She is predeceased by her brothers-in-law Doug and Marvin McCulloch, Dan Henderson and Bill Gambell.

Hazel found great joy in everything she did, whether it be boating, camping or fishing as long as family and friends were near, she truly cherished those times. She was always the 'Life of the Party', and was loved by all who met her. To quote one of Hazel's dearest friends 'Don't forget your friends, for new ones are silver, but old ones are gold'. We all know how much Hazel loved her jewelry, both the new and the old, silver and gold. Her working career included her time at Stedman's in Thornbury; however, most will recall her knowing smile and contagious giggle from the TD Bank in Thornbury where she worked for over 20 years.

Thank you to the numerous hospital staff and the many hospitals that cared for her, most recently Soldier's Memorial in Orillia.

Cremation has taken place and a private family graveside service will be conducted at Thornbury-Clarksburg Union Cemetery. Please join us to celebrate Hazel's life at a come and go reception at the Marsh Street Centre in Clarksburg on Saturday, September 6, 2025 from 1 until 4 p.m. As your expression of sympathy, donations to the Meaford Hospital Foundation would be appreciated and may be made through the Ferguson Funeral Home, 48 Boucher St. E., Meaford, ON N4L 1B9 to whom arrangements have been entrusted. www.fergusonfuneralhomes.ca



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BRIAN LEWIS BAILEY

1936 – 2025

After a life lived to its fullest with his family, his many hobbies, his rich career, and in a wide array of community service, Brian passed away August 14, 2025, at Campbell House Hospice, with his family by his side. He will be deeply missed by his wife Cindy (Piper), and daughter Lara (Mihail Altantchev), and is predeceased by his son, Kyle Bailey. Born in Eccles, near Manchester, England in 1936 to parents Karina & Lewis Bailey. Brother to Joyce Stimson (deceased) and Lee Bailey (Nova Scotia).



Brian's career began as a meteorologist, serving in the British Air Ministry in the Middle East. He then worked launching weather balloons in the North Atlantic (in 50 foot waves). He emigrated to Canada in 1959 where he worked for Bell Canada installing telephone switchboards. Next Brian worked as a mortgage and loans actuary.

Then Brian built a career in computing, before working at Confederation Life in their mortgage and loans department. He ended his career as the Executive Director in Information Technology before 'retiring' to Collingwood. While here, he started his own business (ITMC) in computer sales and networking, and launched a CD label company. Finally, Brian became a full-time ski patroller for Blue Mountain.

Brian's enjoyed many passions and hobbies: ballroom dancing in Blackpool; fixing his Sunbeam Alpine to make it the best at Mosport; skiing at Blue Mountain; learning all aspects of construction for building his chalet (learning carpentry, roofing, plumbing, electricity, drywalling etc.); keelboat racing at RCYC and at the Collingwood Yacht Club; and learning offshore navigation with a sextant.

He was an avid reader, a self-learner, and a passionate music lover. He loved silly escapades and a good debate, challenge, or adventure. Brian was a patient and very dearly devoted father and husband, who treasured family life, and his travels with them. He was a fountain of information and very difficult to beat in trivia and family debates!

Brian believed in giving back to his community, and served as the Collingwood Rotary Club President & Treasurer; Race Director & Commodore of the Collingwood Yacht Club; Treasurer & President of the British Car Club; Treasurer of the Blue Mountain Arts & Culture Group; co-organized Jazzmania and Music in the Park events in Thornbury; tech volunteer for Georgian Triangle Life Long Learning; Secretary Treasurer of the Watts Skiff Club; and First Aid instructor for the Canadian Ski Patrol.

For ten years he dedicated himself to organizing and running the Collingwood Sailing School, helping it grow into a program which taught over a hundred students annually, and for which he was inducted into the Collingwood Sports Hall of Fame in 2012.

The family would like to thank all the kind and gentle staff and volunteers at The Campbell House Hospice who eased Brian's life transition; the Doctors and staff at CGMH; his kind and caring Ontario Health at Home Caseworker; and the PSWs who provided Brian with the needed support to stay at home as long as possible.

A celebration of life is planned for later!

In lieu of flowers, donations in Brian's memory may be made to the Alzheimer Society of Greater Simcoe County, or The Hospice Georgian Triangle Foundation, or The Collingwood General & Marine Hospital, or The Collingwood Sailing Academy. www.fawcettfuneralhomes.com



Tim became the first Canadian and oldest athlete to ever win this category. With support and insights from long-time teammate Connor Baxter, he turned 10 years of training and determination into one unforgettable crossing.

Tim Oliver Makes History Crossing the Legendary Kaiwi Channel

Local Thornbury resident, Tim Oliver, is continuing the pursuit of his passion this year, Stand Up Paddle Board (SUP) racing. He recently competed in the Hawaii M2O paddling race, from the island of Molokai to the island of Oahu, across 52 km of open Pacific Ocean. The Kaiwi Channel where the race takes place is notorious for strong winds, large swells and strong currents. The M2O race is considered to be the toughest paddle board race in the world.

Tim completed the 52-km course in a time of 5 hours, 50 minutes, which gained him first place among all SUP categories (board length, male and female, all ages). His time was also 6th fastest overall for all competitors (male and female, all ages, prone and SUP, solo and relay team).

Tim's training is ongoing as he has another unique international race coming up September 10-14 in the Netherlands. The ultra long distance race is called the "11 Cities Tour SUP Race", and traverses some of the historic waterways of Friesland, Holland, passing through 11 iconic Dutch towns over a distance of approximately 220 km. These same canals and waterways were home to long-distance Winter speed-skating events held in the region over many decades.

Good luck to Tim as he continues to represent the Blue Mountains, Ontario and Canada in the sport of SUP racing.

Ben Young Captures his Fifth Career Canadian Superbike Crown

In a thrilling and unpredictable finale, held August 13th, at Canadian Tire Motorsport Park, Ben Young, of Van Dolder's Home Team Honda clinched his fifth GP Bikes Pro Superbike Championship. This historic win



secures his place among the greats of Canadian motorcycle racing.

Riding the 2025 Honda CBR1000RR-R SP, Young overcame a season filled with challenges to emerge victorious in the 2025 Bridgestone CSBK National Superbike Championship, becoming the first Honda rider to win the title since Jodi Christie in 2014. The win also earned Honda, Team of the Year honours.

His triumph makes him only the third rider in CSBK history to win five Superbike titles, joining Jordan Szoke (14) and Steve Crevier (6).

Ben joined Honda Canada's CSBK team this year and his win solidifies his dominance in the sport and his successful transition to Honda machinery. He will be defending his title on a Honda for the 2026 CSBK season.

Born in Scotland, Ben moved to the Blue Mountains at the age of 14 with parents Lynn and Scott and older sister Robyn.

Congratulations and best wishes going forward.

Seniors Matters Today

The annual **Seniors Fair**, organized by the Seniors Network, Blue Mountains takes place at the Beaver Valley Community Centre on **September 17th, from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.** Attend and learn about the broad range of activities and organizations serving seniors in the Blue Mountains area. Come with friends and enjoy refreshments while you check on the exhibitors (over 40 different ones).

The presentations at this year's Fair include The Process for Moving into Long Term Care Homes by Jennifer Cornell, Director of Grey County Long Term Care & Seniors Services, and OPP Officer Trevor McKean speaking about Fraud & Scams. If you need transportation, call Emma Barker at the L. E Shore Library (519 599 3681) or Answers4Seniors at BVO (519 599 2577, ext. 6) to make arrangements.

An update on Canada's retirement income programs highlights many key mid-year changes.

These include: Canada Pension Plan (CPP) and Old Age Security (OAS)—July 2025. The federal government has confirmed mid-year increases in monthly payments for eligible seniors,

Those already receiving these benefits or people turning 65 soon, may benefit from knowing July 2025 CPP and OAS payment changes, including eligibility requirements, updated amounts, and the official deposit schedule.

Starting July 29, 2025, both CPP and OAS payments increased for most recipients. These adjustments are part of the government's regular inflation-indexing policy, ensuring benefits keep pace with the rising cost of living.

For some Canadians, this mid-year increase may be combined with additional programs such as the Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS).

The **Canada Pension Plan (CPP)** provides monthly retirement income to individuals who contributed during their working years. CPP amounts vary depending on your contributions and the age at which you begin taking the pension.

Retirement pension (age 65)

Maximum Monthly CPP \$1364.60

Post-retirement benefit Up to \$40.25 extra

Disability benefit (under 65) \$1,613.54

Survivor Benefit (under 65) \$739.31

Survivor Benefit (65+) \$837.34

These are maximum amounts. The actual amount depends on how much and for how long you contributed.

Old Age Security (OAS) is a monthly benefit available to most Canadians aged 65 or older, regardless of employment history. Maximum monthly benefits (as of July 2025)

Age 65-74 \$727.61

Age 75 and over \$799.61

The OAS benefit increases quarterly based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI). The July 2025 adjustment reflects inflation data from the first half of the year.

Seniors who receive OAS and have low income may also qualify for the GIS, Guaranteed Income Supplement. As of July 2025, the maximum GIS for single seniors is rising to \$1,086.88 monthly, which brings the combined OAS + GIS to nearly \$1,815 per month. This benefit is assessed yearly.

If you're registered for direct deposit, the funds will appear in your account on that day. If you receive a cheque, it may take a few additional business days to arrive by mail.

Eligibility for CPP and OAS in 2025

CPP Eligibility--You must be at least 60 years old. You must have made valid contributions to the CPP. You can apply even if you are still working.

OAS Eligibility -- You must be 65 years of age or older, Be a Canadian citizen or legal resident, Have lived in Canada for at least 10 years after age 18, For full benefits, residency of 40+ years in Canada is typically required

About the Leg Up Luau

In April of 2017, Thornbury Clear Choice Pools and Spas organized a fundraiser for the benefit of local resident Robert Brown. The purpose of this event was to help Robert recover after a right leg amputation due to a vascular disease.



The event was a great success and it even gave Robert the opportunity to perform with his band, Cabin Fever at the Marsh Street Centre. Preston Owen of Clear Choice named the event the "Leg Up Luau".

Since 2017, Robert, along with the generous sponsorship of Thornbury Clear Choice, has taken on the challenge of paying it forward by making the Leg Up Luau an annual event raising money for other families and charitable organizations in our community.

To date, the Leg Up Luau has raised well over \$40,000. benefitting families dealing with Mobility issues, Autism and Cancer. In 2024 the Leg Up Luau donated the better part of \$7,000. towards the cost of the new facade on the Marsh Street Centre. On June 28th of this year the event donated over \$4,500, to the Thornbury-Beaver Valley Lions Club.

In 2024 and 2025 the event was hosted by Radio Personality Jeff Woods from the program Records and Rock Stars.

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About Cabin Fever

What started out in 2007 as a fishing trip at lake Mindemoya on Manitoulin Island, turned into an amazing Jam Session that ended up lasting more than 18 years. Some of the group have been playing together since the 60s and others joined later, but the vibe has grown into a dynamic group that just loves to play.

The members of Cabin Fever come from as far as Elliot Lake, Sudbury, Toronto, Georgetown and Orangeville to perform at the Leg Up Luau event. The band only plays together once each year.

Cabin Fever has been the featured act at the Leg Up Luau since it first started in 2017. The event has had some fantastic opening acts like Michael Francis, Pat Robitaille and the Thirsty Night Boys with the Ruthven Sisters.



From left to right: Randy Richardson, Preston Owen (Clear Choice), Darren Ellis, Terry Mckelvie, Frank Pesce, Dan Mckelvie, Robert Brown

SweetWater Music Festival 2025: Dreamscapes

September 16–21, 2025 – Owen Sound, Leith & Meaford

This September, music lovers from across Ontario and beyond are invited to the shores of Georgian Bay for six extraordinary days of world-class performances, community events, and creative connection. The SweetWater Music Festival 2025 returns September 16–21 with Dreamscapes — a bold and inspiring program blending classical masterworks, contemporary premieres, Cuban jazz, and global folk traditions.

Festival Highlights

Tue Sept 16 – SweetWater Mini Documentary Premiere & Artist Meet-and-Greet (FREE) at the Roxy Theatre, celebrating the festival's over 20-year history through film, live music, and conversation.

Wed Sept 17 – Exclusive Pass Holders' Concert at Meaford Hall Gallery — a special thank-you to Festival Pass holders.

Thu Sept 18 – Folk virtuoso Moira Smiley & The Rhizome Quartet bring soaring harmonies to the Harmony Centre.

Fri Sept 19 – Chamber Music Under a Starry Night at Historic Leith Church, featuring Mozart's G minor Viola Quintet, the world premiere of India Gailey's Bristlecone, and Vaughan Williams' lush Piano Quintet.

Sat Sept 20 – A full day of music for all ages, from Yoga & Guitar to the family-friendly Music for Munchkins, free guitar recital with Brendan Evans, instrument makers exhibit, and Classical & Choral Jam Sessions. Evening concerts include Castle in the Sky, blending Holst, Caroline Shaw, and Elgar, followed by Late Night Jazz with Hilario Durán Trio.

Sun Sept 21 – Soul Care Sunday (FREE), the Next Wave Showcase of emerging talent, and the grand finale concert at Meaford United Church featuring Vivaldi, Golijov, and Mozart's radiant Sinfonia Concertante with Huizinga and violist Keith Hamm.

Tickets & Passes

Festival Passes (\$200) include all concerts plus the exclusive Pass Holders' event. Individual tickets are available via the Roxy Theatre Box Office (519-371-2833, boxoffice@roxytheatre.ca) and online at sweetwatermusicfestival.ca. Many events, including workshops, artist talks, and community jams, are FREE.

Still Not Just An Anthem Singer

Grace United Church in Thornbury will be hosting as part of its ongoing concert series, on Sunday September 28 th from 3 to 5PM operatic vocalist Douglas Tranquada, accompanied by Braum Goldhamer.

Always the engaging entertainer, Douglas has performed roles with numerous operas throughout Canada, as well as title roles in Don Giovanni, Gianni Schicchi, Rigoletto in the Barber of Seville, bringing a keen sense of comic timing and musicality.

Douglas will be accompanied by one of the most experienced and respected accompanists in Brahm Goldhamer. He is a faculty member of the Royal Conservatory of Music and the Glen Gould School and has performed across Canada, the US and Europe, and is in great demand as a recital collaborator with some of Canada's most celebrated soloists.

In addition to his opera and oratorio work, Mr. Tranquada has along history of directing Church choirs. He is a regular performer of national Anthems for the Toronto Raptors, Blue Jays, Argonauts, Toronto FC, Marlies and Maple Leafs. He has performed countless recitals and concerts and is no stranger to Thornbury, having performed many times at the Marsh Street Centre with the little opera series a few years back. He is thrilled to return and bring his latest solo program, "Not just an Anthem Singer" to Grace in Thornbury.

Tickets \$40 at Eventbrite, graceunitedthornbury.ca, Thornbury Pharmasave, at the door or call the church 519-599-2438.



The Whisper of September

As September turns the leafy page of leaving summer to a memory of heat and balm,

Our instinct hones to crisping breezes, the plumage of apples, and cresting corn,

While sounds of brittle dust yield to a sonata of rustling leaves in sights of skies azure.

Grasses bow down from standing proud, insect and vole migrate to haunt our home,

Wagons of Nature's blessings display crops that bring humanity the nurture of nutrition,

The season recalls the plough and tillage of months ago, plantings and thinning,

The skipping rope of weather, rudderless winds, rains of furrow, bleaching sun,

These in fickle rhyme attend the farmer's toils, yet harmony of Nature sings harvest!

Do we hear this plaintiff siren of Nature, she in daily scuffle with self of human wants,

All the while our ears pining and searching for comforts to slay Truth's discomfort?

Humanity and Nature in conference restate the maxim, "The Right To Be Heard",

So let us restore our purpose to listen of humble intent with body, mind and soul.

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The Master Gardener's Corner

Things to do in your garden each month taken from the Ontario Master Gardener Calendar by John Hethrington, Past President, Master Gardeners of Ontario. For more information, or your copy of the 11" x 17" calendar of the full year's tips for a \$2 contribution to Master Gardeners, call 519-599-5846.



September 2025:

- WOW! What a summer, so hot and dry!! Water, water, water whenever you can!
- Trim back perennials like Daylilies and Iris. My mother always cut the iris fans up one side and down the other for a perfect V. But she was a picky gardener. Divide them now as needed.
- Make sure it's a cool, cloudy day to divide and replant anything, or to pot up plants for your neighbours, or for fall plant sales or plant exchanges.
- Fall is the ideal time to divide and plant Iris, Daylilies, Peonies and many other perennials. Share extra plants with neighbours. To see my YouTube video on dividing and potting up plants, click on <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KmTTYGNoRB4> but don't laugh at the old man groaning, as he divides up and pots his perennials.
- Buy and plant spring-flowering bulbs NOW. Your efforts will be handsomely rewarded next spring. Check out the website www.bulbsrus.com for good deals. Dig the hole a little deeper than the specified depth & add some water to the bottom of the hole, then some soil, mix in a little bonemeal fertilizer or special bulb food. Sprinkle in a little topsoil, set the bulbs in place and back fill the hole. Water well after planting, to start root growth.
- Take a critical look at your garden. Then fill in any gaps that may have developed with new perennials, shrubs and/or evergreens. They will get a huge head-start over plants planted next spring.
- Bring in house plants when the evenings start to cool down. First, give them a thorough spray with insecticidal soap so that there are no unwanted hitchhikers coming into your home.
- Pray for cool nights and hope for fall rains. It's the ideal time for lawn repair. Dig out weeds, add clean, weed-free topsoil and re-seed. Keep the area moist.
- Fertilize lawns with root-building Fall Fertilizer. Buy the one with a low first number (Nitrogen) and high second and third numbers (Phosphorus & Potash). Don't use the lawn fertilizer you have left over from the spring, with a high first number (Nitrogen). Save it for early next spring.
- With the heat and lack of rain this summer, deep down it is bone dry. Check the moisture levels 14 to 16 inches deep. If the bottom of the hole is dry, water your gardens weekly and deeply until frost. Buy a soaker and put it on the end of your hose. Then place it in the middle of your relatively flat garden beds and let the water slowly seep in.
- Look for the annual Grey County Master Gardener's fall plant sale, for a wide variety of top flight perennials, Saturday September 14th from 9am until noon. Again, this year, it's in Meaford, at the Rotary Pavilion at the Harbour. Choose from unique perennials and lots of native and pollinator plants at reasonable prices. Come early for best selection!



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Commemorative Veteran Banners

The Blue Mountains Historical Society has partnered with the Royal Canadian Legion, Beaver Valley Branch, to arrange for the display of banners commemorating the service of our Veterans.

In common with many Ontario municipalities, these banners will be displayed on lamp standards throughout our community in the few weeks leading up to Remembrance Day.

Anyone who would like to sponsor a banner commemorating a family member or friend who has served in the Canadian or Allied Armed Forces is invited to contact the Beaver Valley Legion. Call 519-599-3555 or email rcl281beavervalley@gmail.com for more details.



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Raising Awareness About Pollinator Power

Local eco-gardening advocates Pollinate The Blue Mountains have had a busy summer! Our goal is to encourage residents to GROW NATIVE by planting native perennials that attract pollinators such as butterflies, bees, and hummingbirds.

You may have spotted brightly painted canoes around town that we have filled

with native plants to demonstrate how easy it is to plant a small patch that attracts pollinators. We received a TBM grant to improve the care and signage of the eight canoes we tend in Thornbury and Craileith. Each canoe now has a captain or coordinator in charge of monitoring, weeding, and watering. We have repainted, replanted and added new signs to three canoes this summer - Thornbury arena, Clarksburg



Medical Centre, and Bruce Street, by the Georgian Trail. Check out our bright yellow canoe gardens with labelled plants and information signage next time you see one!

Another way we are raising awareness is by setting up displays and pop-up events. We have been at the Thornbury Farmers Market three times this summer sharing our ideas and resources with the community. Face painting and kids crafts were offered, as well as sales of native perennials that went home for planting in gardens. We have a list of over 20 trusted native plants that do well in our area and are growing in our demonstration canoes and gardens. Check out our website for this list and other ideas.

Anyone interested in joining our group to help plan events and expand pollinator gardens please e-mail us at: pollinatetbm@gmail.com.

Fall is still a good time to plant and give your new perennials a solid start for next year. Our website www.pollinatetbm.ca lists nurseries in the local area that carry these kinds of plants.

Also, there will be a large native plant sale in Meaford at the harbour pavilion 9:00 to 12:00 am Saturday, September 13. Check out the Grey County Master Gardener website for details:

www.greycountymastergardeners.ca

**We Can Make A Difference -
One Plant, One Garden At A Time!**

Soil Awareness Project

This year, in keeping with the Fall Fair theme of Beaver Valley Roots, CANN-TBM turned its focus to something we all depend on but often overlook: soil—the very ground beneath our feet and the source of our food. Soil is a living system made up of mineral and rock particles, air, water, decomposing organic matter, and an entire ecosystem of organisms, from earthworms to microscopic bacteria and fungi.

To show case our rich Beaver Valley Soil and Roots we have a display of cotton garments donated by Stanfields of Canada that have been buried by students in our rich soil all summer. Come and have a look! We also have soil demonstrations and kids activities. Our friend Jake from CanGrow will be joining us with hands on experiments to enhance our understanding of how soil works. We will have demonstrations on cloth treated with microbes, how to retain water in soil for growing plants, dry plant roots reacting with fungi and more. **Demonstrations are scheduled for 6 pm on Friday, Sept 5th and 12:30pm and 2:30pm on Saturday Sept 6th.**

Did you know that composting kitchen waste can save on green house gas emissions?

Food waste in the land fill decomposes anaerobically (without oxygen) producing methane gas which is 30 times more potent than Carbon dioxide at trapping heat. Food waste that is composted at home or by your municipality (with oxygen) produces carbon dioxide. We could save 2.6 to 7% of green house gases if everybody composted their food waste. There is also a transportation saving by composting at home. The potentially usable minerals and nutrients from food waste that end up in landfills are wasted in a one way system. When food breaks down as compost into more simple chemical compounds they can be reused to grow other plants reducing the need for synthetic fertilisers made from petroleum (more savings).

Plants sequester carbon from the air into the soil. They use solar energy to create sugars, which they emit from their ROOTS, and microbes in the soil eat them and turn it into humus. Composting creates a microbe-rich soil that can grow bigger plants and take more CO2 from the air to put in the soil.

Soil Food Web



Minister of Rural Affairs Lisa Thompson visited Georgian Hills Vineyard alongside Simcoe-Grey MPP Brian Saunderson on August 14th to talk about the recent provincial changes to the agri-tourism sector and to compliment the Town on their Open Fields Event.



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From Lunch in Kimberley to Planning for Your 100th Birthday

Turns out, Kimberley isn't just a great spot for lunch — it's also the birthplace of the RRSP.

I discovered this over a grilled cheese with my toddler after paddling the Beaver River: Local politician Walter Harris, once Canada's Finance Minister, helped bring the Registered Retirement Savings Plan into existence in 1957 (Walter Edward Harris – Parliament of Canada biography). Hard to imagine a place as quiet as Kimberley shaping something so central to Canadian retirement. But, all that quiet must have left room for deep thought.

When RRSPs were first introduced in 1957, investment options were limited to cash, government and corporate bonds, and certain annuities (Government of Canada: Registered Retirement Savings Plan). RRSPs have come a long way since then, evolving with new features, investment options and flexibility to keep up with faster times. Today, RRSPs can be built around your unique goals and benefit from tools that did not exist in Walter Harris's day. Whether your goal is an adventurous retirement, supporting family, or leaving a legacy, your RRSP strategy can be as personal as your story.

But for all that innovation, longevity remains the big challenge — making smart planning more important than ever. A 65-year-old couple in average health has a 90% chance one of them lives to 85, and a 75% chance of reaching 90 (Society of Actuaries Longevity Illustrator). Here in The Blue Mountains, where 90-year-olds are still hiking and skiing, planning for a long, active life isn't just wise—it's essential.

Walter Harris gave us the RRSP—let's make sure yours is ready for every chapter ahead. Let's chat about building a retirement plan as resilient and rewarding as life here in The Blue Mountains.

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Try Curling in a Fun and Social Environment

Discover curling in a fun and social environment with the Blue Mountains Curling Centre, located at the Beaver Valley Arena, Thornbury! We're excited to welcome new and returning members for our 8th season.



Membership is open to individuals of all skill levels. Many of our members are new to curling and utilize a curling stick for delivery, an alternative to the traditional drop and slide technique.

Our Friday program includes learning opportunities, practice time, and friendly jitney competitions with new team draws each week. It's a unique chance to learn and enjoy the game in a serious yet fun, non-competitive social atmosphere.

We offer morning, noon, and afternoon jitney game times, along with dedicated instruction and practice sessions. You can sign up for three 5-week Friday semesters: Fall, Winter, and Spring. Each semester is independent, allowing for flexibility with your other travel and activity plans. Members can also join our spare list to fill in for other sessions as space becomes available.

Curling offers a fun and healthy way to add a new dimension to your winter activities. For beginners, we provide all the necessary curling equipment and strongly recommend bringing a bike or ski helmet or a padded hat for safety.

To learn more, visit our website at bluemountainscurling.ca. You can read about our center, watch a video on stick curling, and join our prospective new members list.

Initial sign up for new members closes on **Thursday, September 25th**. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out. www.bluemountainscurling.ca

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The Blue Mountains OPP Detachment Board is looking for your feedback on Policing Priorities!

As part of its mandate under the Community Safety and Policing Act, the Detachment Board for the Blue Mountains OPP is expected to develop policies and priorities for policing across the community. The Collingwood/Blue Mountains OPP Detachment is currently developing its draft 2026-2029 Action Plan, and the Board will provide input and guidance to its development.

The Board is seeking feedback from residents on your concerns and priorities for policing for the next three years, and your level of satisfaction with their policing services today.

Residents are invited to complete the brief survey by **September 30, 2025**. The results of the survey will be reviewed by the Detachment Board at its October meeting. The survey can be completed online at www.thebluemountains.ca/OPPSurvey, and paper copies are available at The Blue Mountains Public Library and Town Hall. Please return completed surveys to the Clerks Department at Town Hall.



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Elliot Sinukoff– B.A, B.COMM, PRP, CEPA.

With over 30 years in financial services, Elliot is a trusted advisor focused on retirement and estate planning. Known for his thoughtful approach and insight into evolving client needs, he helps families make informed decisions that protect their future and preserve their legacy. A proud Thornbury resident, he blends expertise with deep commitment to his community.

Mark Handelman– B.A, LLB, MH SC. (BIOETHICS)

Mark is an attorney with 15 years of service on the Consent and Capacity Board, including 8 years as Vice Chair and Senior Lawyer. Focusing on Elder and Health Care Law, including wills and Powers of Attorney, he brings unparalleled expertise to the table. Mark has authored numerous articles on consent, capacity, mental health, and end-of-life planning.

Reserve Your Spot: Seating is Limited

R.S.V.P to Elliot.sinukoff@ig.ca

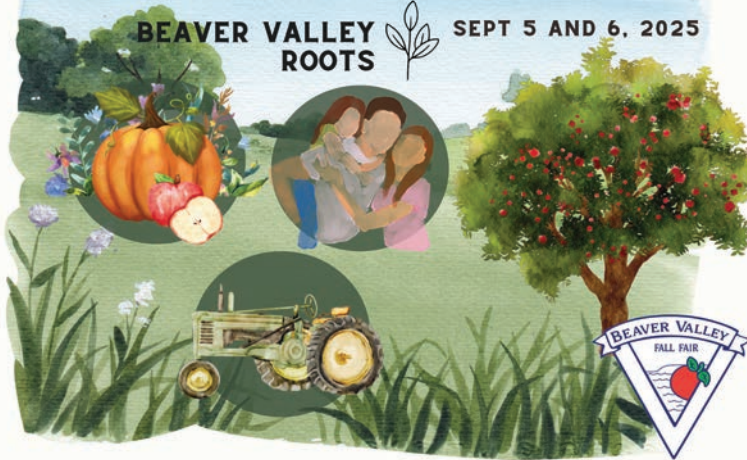
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Take charge of your future – Join us September 9th

BEAVER VALLEY FALL FAIR

BEAVER VALLEY
ROOTS

SEPT 5 AND 6, 2025



FALL EVENTS



GUITAR TRAIL SEPTEMBER 6

A mountain of music guides your journey along the one-of-a-kind Guitar Trail. Discover 15 artists performing throughout the Village and along the 5km trail—hike up or ride the gondola to the top and follow the sound back down. Don't miss **headliners, THE 99s**, on the Subaru Stage. Visit our website for full details.

BARK 'N BLUE SEPTEMBER 13

Dogs and their humans are invited to enjoy a fall day full of mountain strolls, dog-friendly patios, and lively entertainment. With adorable contests and activities for pups of all kinds, it's a celebration made for four-legged friends and their favourite people.



KIDS ADVENTURE GAMES SEPTEMBER 20

The coolest kids adventure race on the planet. Kids Adventure Games Canada is a nationwide, multi-discipline adventure race for kids ages 6 to 15. Learn more and register at kidsadventuregames.ca



STOMP THE MOUNTAIN SEPTEMBER 20

Get ready to stomp, spin, and two-step your way through the Village on Saturday, September 20. Live country music by Mackenzie Leigh Meyer will keep the energy high while The Urban Cowboy leads line dance lessons between sets so everyone can join in, from first-timers to seasoned pros.



ELEVATE: PRESENTED BY CITY SHRED SEPTEMBER 27

Elevate is a multi-distance trail challenge for every body! Choose your distance and move your way - run, hike, or walk - and rise to meet 280m of elevation in the first 2K. Visit our website to register.



See more at bluemountainvillage.ca/events

RED VISIONS BVFF

BEAVER VALLEY FALL FAIR
September 5th - 6th

Featuring AN EXCLUSIVE ARTIST TALK



Emily Kewageshig, "Blood Ties," 2025.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH

11:00AM | L.E. SHORE LIBRARY GALLERY | 173 BRUCE ST SOUTH

Alongside the Beaver Valley Fall Fair remounting of Indigenous-led exhibition *RED VISIONS*, the L.E. Shore Library hosts an exclusive artist talk with one of the featured artists. Explore *RED VISIONS* at the Beaver Valley Fall Fair, September 5-6, featuring a selection of 8 Indigenous artists' works first displayed at Casa Loma.



CASA LOMA



BEAVER VALLEY FALL FAIR

ROAST BEEF DINNER

Beaver Valley Community Centre

Sat. Sept. 6, 5:30pm

Adults \$25; 5-11 \$10; under 5 - n/c

Tickets available at the Fair Info Booth

Friday and Saturday, Sept 5 & 6 or

in advance at Riverside Press, Clarksburg
519-599-3344

LIVE MUSIC - CASH BAR

SULTANS OF STRING FILM SCREENING WALKING THROUGH THE FIRE

This special film brings the magic of collaboration to the screen with award winning First Nations, Metis and Inuit artists from across Turtle Island joined by band, Sultans of String.



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH
DOORS 6:00PM, FILM 6:30PM

Following the 82-minute screening, stay for an engaging virtual Q&A with director Chris McKhool and Indigenous Elder Dr. Duke Redbird.

REFRESHMENTS SERVED

BEAVER VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE
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BEAVER VALLEY OUTREACH AND
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TOWN COUNCIL COMMUNITY BBQ

SUN. SEPT. 14
11 AM - 2 PM

at the
Thornbury Farmer's Market

Thornbury
Farmers Market 10 AM - 2 PM



Join us for a free community BBQ hosted by
Town Council and enjoy delicious food and refreshments!



In this world of isolation, come meet new friends
Try English Country Dancing!

Where : The Blue Mountains Public Library
173 Bruce St S, Thornbury

When : Sundays: Sept. 14, Oct 5 & 19, Nov. 9 & 23, and
Dec. 7 2025, 2 to 4 pm

Street clothes are fine and no partner or dance experience is necessary. The cost is \$60 per person for 6 sessions. For first time dancers, the first session on Sept. 14th is free and \$50 for the remaining 5 sessions, or \$15 per person at the door.

For more information,
please refer to
www.lordgreysdance.weebly.com

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A Very Special Gathering – Everyone is Welcome!



Thurs September 18
4:00PM - 5:30PM



Intersection of 10th Line and
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Event Highlights:

- **Professional Tree Care Demo** – Learn how arborists at Arboreal Tree Care have helped to preserve this elder tree and watch them canopy climb!
- **Expert Insight Stations** – Chat with local specialists about trees, pruning, pollinators, the TBM Native Tree Seed Club, and local history from 1875 when our prized Sugar Maple was a sapling.
- **Tree Planting** – Join us as we plant a new tree for the community.
- **Kids' Scavenger Hunt** – Fun prizes for curious young explorers!



For more information please
contact tbm@treetrust.ca

[treetrust.ca](https://www.treetrust.ca)

Looking for a fun night out?

Join the Thornbury Clarksburg Rotary Club for an evening of laughs, friendly competition, and community spirit—hosted by local trivia legend Mike D'Abramo. Win cash in the 50/50 draw or bragging rights as the top team, all while supporting ShelterBox, an international disaster relief charity that provides emergency shelter and supplies to families who have lost their homes to conflict or natural disaster.

[tcrotary.ca](https://www.tcrotary.ca)
Thornbury-Clarksburg
Rotary Club



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SEPTEMBER 18**



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- 50/50 DRAW

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**7:00PM
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COMMUNITY CENTRE**



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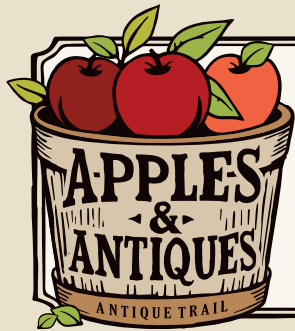
Thornbury First Baptist Church

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**Saturday, September 20, 2025
6 pm**

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

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The Two Open in Honour of Steve Lappin

WED SEPT 24

Tomahawk Golf Course

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The Town of The Blue Mountains and the Municipality of Meaford are excited to share the participating locations for the Open Fields Farm Tour on **Saturday, September 27th**. The self-guided tour runs from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and will feature tours, educational experiences, live music, vendors and more.

The six locations on this year's tour are:

Alpine Ridge Alpacas, 728398 Side Rd 21, Clarksburg

Meet Samantha and her herd of alpacas, along with the famous Llore Llamas! Learn all about the animals at Alpine Ridge Alpacas.

Apple Springs Orchard, 827360 Grey Road 40, Clarksburg

Meet the Ardiel family at their orchard, where generations have grown apples with care and dedication.

Coffin Ridge Vineyard & Winery, 599448 2nd Conc Rd N, Annan

Learn how they've been turning 22 acres of cold hardy grapes into signature wines for over twenty years.

Purple Hollow Lavender Farm, 637295 St Vincent-Sydenham Townline, Meaford

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Grey & Gold Cider, 788171 Grey Road 13, Clarksburg

The 6 acre orchard at Grey & Gold contains 1,700 trees, with 29 different varieties of cider-specific and multi-purpose heritage apples.

Valley Ridge Family Farm, 808108 24th Sideroad, Clarksburg


Roy and Sarah McAllister, operate Valley Ridge Family Farm. Experience a true family farm operation, where you can meet the animals and get up close with farm equipment.

Open Fields is a free, rain-or-shine event that is open to all members of the public. Visitors are encouraged to wear proper footwear for a day on the farm.




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SAT., OCT. 4, 2025

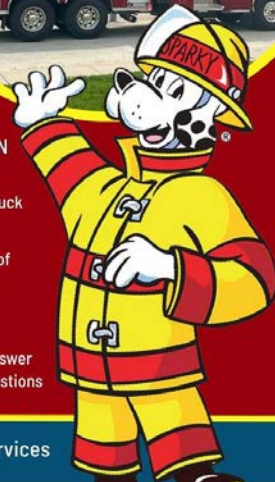
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- Help us recognize some of our firefighters for their years of service
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www.thebluemountains.ca/fire-services



SATURDAY OCTOBER 4th, 1 - 4pm

The Gallery at L.E. Shore Library is proud to welcome author Kathryn Magee Labelle and artist Catherine Tammaro in celebration of Daughters of Aatenstic: Life Lessons from Seven Generations.

Together, these two contrasting mediums of text and art present a rich, layered narrative of Wendat/Wandat history and culture.

1:00pm: Doors open (refreshments provided)

1:30pm: Author talk with Kathryn Labelle

2:15-4:00pm: Exhibit reception with Catherine Tammaro – all are welcome! There is no cost to attend, and registration is not required.



UNCOVERING VINLAND:

OCTOBER 9, 2025

A VIKING MYSTERY SOLVED?

WITH ROBERT BURCHER

Join adventurer and local author Robert Burcher on Leif Erikson Day as he reveals explosive new evidence that could rewrite Viking history in North America. We know now that L'anse aux Meadows is not where Leif Erikson first landed. Has the real site of Vinland finally been found using Geological Analysis?

Don't miss the launch of his documentary and website —and your chance to help solve a 1,025-year-old mystery!



7:30 PM | L.E. SHORE LIBRARY

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libraryprograms@thebluemountains.ca

Thornbury Turkey Trot

Saturday October 11th, 2025
Beaver Valley Community Centre

This Thanksgiving, feathers are going to fly again!




Welcome: 8:45am
Kids' 1 km Fun Run: 9:00am
Half Marathon, 10km & 5km Run/Walk: 9:30am
Race Kit Pick Up
Friday, October 10th 3 to 8pm & Race Morning 7 to 8am

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